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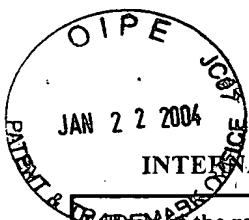
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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations**1. Reference is made to the following publication:**

D1 = DE-A-28 01 326.

2. Publication D1 is considered to be the closest prior art. It shows a process for error-free monitoring of the rotation of a wheel shaft comprising the following steps:

- generation of a characteristic pulse sequence having a number of temporally successive pulses (11, 12, 13, 14), the time interval between which is a function of the rotation of the shaft;
- determination of a monitoring period t_{\max} ;
- monitoring to see whether an expected pulse in the pulse sequence occurs within the monitoring period; and
- generation of a control signal if the expected pulse fails to occur within the monitoring period (see page 8, lines 26-29).

Furthermore, publication D1 shows that during the monitoring process the monitoring period t_{\max} is continually adjusted to the time interval between

pulses t_1 (see page 7, lines 17-29).

The subject matter of Claim 1 differs substantially from the disclosure of publication D1 in that the process according to Claim 1 relates to shaft fracture monitoring in a press. Consequently, the subject matter of Claim 1 is novel (PCT Article 33(2)). The fact that the prior art evident from publication D1 has undergone no further development towards the subject matter of the application in almost 25 years, although a need has long existed, speaks in favor of inventive step. Consequently, the subject matter of Claim 1 involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).

Dependent Claims 2-5 similarly involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).

Use Claim 6, which corresponds to process Claim 1, involves an inventive step for the same reasons (PCT Article 33(3)).